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ELIZABETH HAMER KEGAN RETIRES

Elizabeth Hamer Kegan, Assistant Librarian of Congress for American and Library Studies, has announced her retirement from Federal service effective March 17. Mrs. Kegan, who is retiring for health reasons, is leaving a career distinguished for scholarly and professional achievements. Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin, speaking of her career, said, "Like Luther Evans and L. Quincy Mumford, Librarians of Congress under whom she served with distinction for more than a quarter of a century, Betty Kegan has left her mark on this institution. Programs she developed, such as the Library's celebration of the American Revolution Bicentennial, brought distinction to the Library, and others she nurtured, like our publishing, information, and exhibits activities, are stronger for the scholarly attention and imagination which she has brought to them. She has been a leader in the world of archives and has been a vigorous and essential link between the Library of Congress and the archival profession. During her long and effective career in the Library of Congress, Betty Kegan has been an ambassador from the Library to the world of historical scholarship and to Washington's cultural community."

An officer of the Library of Congress since 1951, Mrs. Kegan was first its information and publications officer and then in 1960 became Assistant Librarian for Public Affairs. In January 1963 she assumed the position of Assistant Librarian of Congress, participating with The Librarian of Congress and The Deputy Librarian in the overall administration of the Library and directing its information, exhibits, publications, and international visitors' programs. She was also responsible for coordinating the Library's relations with the Congress and the White House.

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LIBRARY EXHIBITS 19TH-CENTURY DRAWINGS OF CHINA

Sixty 19th-century Chinese drawings whose origins and authorship are veiled in mystery are on exhibit in the Library's Great Hall through May 22. "China: 19th-century Drawings by Unknown Artists" offers the public its first view of the enigmatic sketches which came to the Library more than 70 years ago.

In 1907 the Library acquired an album of 333 drawings as part of the private library of G. V. Yudin, a Russian merchant who lived in Siberia. The drawings of China were removed from the album and individually matted in 1973. Despite occasional annotations in Russian and in Chinese, there is no indication of origin or authorship.

According to the Library's print and Chinese experts, the material clearly reflects many aspects of life in northern China and in the adjacent borderlands of Siberia. The period of costumes, furniture, vehicles, and other objects depicted indicates that the sketches were produced about 1860.

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The drawings vary widely in style, treatment, quality, and content. Several different artists–both Chinese and western, possibly Russian–have produced the pencil, pen-and-ink, watercolor, and wash drawings. The subject matter ranges from scenery, views, figure studies, and portraits to costume details, animals, children, processions, street scenes, and architecture.

The subjects do not seem typical of the sketching that might have accompanied a diplomatic mission nor likely to have been made by students at the Russian Orthodox Mission School which existed in Peking at that time. Several drawings by different hands contain notations in Russian (always the same hand) that appear to be instructions to an engraver, such as: "Make the tree larger and move the bridge slightly to the right." No set of prints is known to correspond to any of the drawings in this collection.

The collection constitutes an important body of scholarly and research material. Because little is known about the drawings, the Library has placed them on display with the hope that they will attract the attention of persons who may be able to provide additional information.

The Yudin Collection, which formed the foundation of the Library's Russian holdings when it was acquired in 1907, contains 80,000 volumes relating to Russian history, literature, and art, as well as materials about Siberia. Yudin accumulated the volumes during 30 years of extensive travel as a Russian merchant. He offered the collection to the Library of Congress with the idea of "establishing closer relations between the two nations."

JUILLIARD QUARTET, PIANIST SCHUB TO PERFORM IN APRIL 6-7 CONCERTS

Pianist André-Michel Schub will join the members of the Juilliard String Quartet in concerts of chamber music on Thursday and Friday evenings, April 6 and 7. The programs are sponsored by the Library's Gertrude Clarke Whittall Foundation.

Mr. Schub has previously appeared at the Library, in recital with Robert Mann, first violinist of the Juilliard String Quartet. He studied piano with Jascha Zayde in New York, and with Rudolph Serkin at the Curtis Institute. He was a winner of the prestigious Naumberg Award in 1974. As a soloist, Mr. Schub has performed with many symphony orchestras, including the Cleveland Orchestra, the Chicago Symphony, and the Boston Symphony. He has also presented solo recitals throughout the country.

For this pair of concerts, the members of the Juilliard String Quartet–Mr. Mann and Earl Carlyss, violins; Samuel Rhodes, viola; and Joel Krosnick, violoncello–and Mr. Schub will perform *Cypresses* for string quartet by Antonín Dvořák; Duo by Aaron Copland; and the Piano Quartet in C minor, Op. 60 by Johannes Brahms. The Duo by Aaron Copland was composed in 1971 for flute and piano. It was recently edited and transcribed for violin and piano by Robert Mann. The April 6-7 concerts will mark the first performance of Mr. Mann's version.

Both concerts will begin promptly at 8 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library. Tickets will be distributed by Patrick Hayes, 1300 G St. N.W., beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, April 3. A service charge of 25 cents is placed on each ticket, and only two tickets are distributed to an individual. Telephone reservations may be made on Monday morning by calling 393-4463. Mail orders are not accepted.

The concert will be broadcast live and in its entirety by radio station WETA-FM, and made available to stations in other cities through the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

ELIZABETH HAMER KEGAN RETIRES

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In May 1976 The Librarian of Congress appointed her Assistant Librarian of Congress for American and Library Studies with continuing responsibility for Bicentennial programs, including the documentary publication *The Letters of Delegates to Congress, 1774-1789*, the Permanent Committee for the Oliver Wendell Holmes Devise and its *History of the Supreme Court of the United States*, the newly established American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress, and the National Commission on New Technological Uses of Copyrighted Works (CONTU). She assisted The Librarian in his duties as Secretary of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board and developed, planned, and implemented various intellectual and cultural programs associated with American and library studies.

At a joint International Congress on Archives/Society of American Archivists meeting in Washington, D.C., in 1976, Mrs. Kegan, then president of SAA, welcomed delegates to the Library of Congress at a reception held on September 27. Here she is pictured with Evans Walker of the National Archives and Records Service.

In the late 1960s she began the planning of the Library's observance of the American Revolution Bicentennial, a program of symposia, exhibits, and scholarly publications which was recognized by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration as an "outstanding contribution to the success of the Nation's 200th anniversary." In a 1977 ceremony, ARBA awarded Mrs. Kegan a Freedom Bell, characterizing the Library's symposia series as "an intellectual component of inestimable value."

She represented the Library on the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, and the Federal Agency Bicentennial Task Force, the so-called White House Task Force. She served as an alternate for The Librarian on the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities, the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center, CONTU, and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Since 1964 Mrs. Kegan has been a member of the Government Liaison Group on Staffing International Organizations. She also served as the Library's liaison with the former Madison Memorial Commission; a delegate to the White House Conference on International Cooperation, 1965; a member of the President's Council for the New York University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 1968-75; and a member of the Advisory Committee on the Archives of the Rockefeller Foundation, 1973-76.

Most recently she represented The Librarian of Congress on the National Study Commission on Records and Documents of Federal Officials (the Public Documents Commission), in whose deliberations she played a strong and influential role, serving as a member of the committee that drafted the com-

At the opening of the Library's major Bicentennial exhibit, "To Set a Country Free," on April 24, 1975, Mrs. Kegan and former Deputy Librarian of Congress John Lorenz welcomed Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson and her daughter, Mrs. Charles Robb, to the Library.

On January 9, 1959, former President Harry S. Truman visited the Presidential Papers Section of the Library's Manuscript Division, where he was greeted by Mrs. Kegan, who was then the Library's information and publications officer.

mission's majority report. In recent weeks hearings have been held on H.R. 11001, introduced by Congressmen John Brademas and Allen E. Ertel, which seeks to carry out the recommendations in the majority report in-so-far as they relate to Presidential and Vice Presidential papers, and H.R. 10998, introduced by Congressman Richardson Preyer.

As an individual member of the International Council on Archives and a member of the American delegation, Mrs. Kegan participated in the International Congresses on Archives held in Florence (1956), Brussels (1964), Washington (1966), Madrid (1968), Moscow (1972), and, as co-head of the American delegation, Washington (1976). She also attended the International Federation of Library Associations at The Hague (1966), Copenhagen (1969), and Washington (1974), participating especially in the sessions on national and parliamentary libraries. She served in 1973 as a consulting participant in the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies Program in Environment and the Quality of Life, as a delegate to the Oxford Conference on "Exploding Cities" in 1974, as an official observer at the U.N. World Population Conference in Bucharest in 1974, as a member of the tribune at the U.N. International Women's Year in Mexico City in 1975, and as an official observer (especially regarding the status of women) at the 1977 Tokyo International Symposium on the Developing World.

A founding member and honorary fellow of the Society of American Archivists, Mrs. Kegan was a member of the Council from 1969 to 1973, served as vice president in 1974-75, and as president the following year. Her presidential address, " 'A Becoming Regard to Posterity,' " was delivered to the Washington meeting of the society in 1976. She is also a member (elected) of the Massachusetts Historical Society and a fellow of its library, a member of the American Library Association, the American Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians, the Southern Historical Association, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the American Association for State and Local History and several state and local historical societies, the Manuscript Society, the D.C. Library Association, the U.S. Committee for the American Library in Paris, and Phi Kappa Phi, a national scholarship fraternity. A former member of the Board of Trustees of the Greater Washington Educational Television Association, Inc., she was made an honorary trustee in 1966.

Mrs. Kegan also served on numerous committees of professional organizations, such as the Program Committee of ALA (public member and chairman of its Conference Format Subcommittee), the Joint ALA/SAA Committee on Libraries and Archives (member and chairman), and the SAA Professional Standards Committee (chairman, 1977).

A native Tennessean (born in Copperhill), Mrs. Kegan received a B.A. degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She did graduate work in history at Tennessee, where she held a graduate fellowship, and at the University of Chicago, and in history and political science at the American University in Washington, D.C. In 1936 she joined the staff of the Survey of Federal Archives in the States, a project sponsored by the National Archives, and served as research assistant, editor, and finally the SFA's administrative head and editor in chief of its multivolume guide, the *Inventory of Federal Archives in the States.* From 1942 to 1951, when she joined the Library of Congress, Mrs. Kegan held increasingly responsible positions at the National Archives and Records Service, the last as chief of the exhibits and publications section.

The author of numerous articles for professional books and journals, including "The Library of Congress and Enhanced Bibliographic Services to History," Mrs. Kegan has also edited or compiled a

number of government publications, such as the annual reports of the Archivist of the United States and of The Librarian of Congress.

Representative of the esteem in which she is held is a resolution adopted in May 1976 by the distinguished historians belonging the Advisory Committee on the Library of Congress American Revolution Bicentennial Program:

Over the past few years the members of the Advisory Committee on the Bicentennial Program of the Library of Congress have watched with growing admiration the extraordinary achievements of the Bicentennial Office under the direction of Elizabeth Hamer Kegan. Because of her foresight, her imagination, and her administrative skill, the Library of Congress has been able to mark the Bicentennial with a rich variety of programs designed to advance understanding of the American Revolution among scholars, among students, and among the public at large. The series of symposia, the reading lists, the bibliographical guides, the reproductions and catalogs of graphic materials, and the great new edition of letters of members of the Continental Congress are Bicentennial achievements of enduring significance, unmatched elsewhere in the nation.

Be it therefore resolved that this committee, being desirous of expressing its gratitude to Mrs. Kegan for this enduring contribution to the national interest, hereby adopts this testimonial of appreciation and requests that copies of its resolution be sent to The Librarian of Congress and to the members of the Joint Committee on the Library.

Married to Philip May Hamer, director of the National Historical Publications Commission and, after his retirement from the Government, editor of *The Papers of Henry Laurens,* from 1940 until his death in 1971, she married Lawrence Robert Kegan, president of the Population Crisis Committee, in 1973. They will continue to reside at 401 South Lee St., Alexandria, Va.

CONSULTANTS' REUNION DRAWS FAMOUS POETS, LARGE AUDIENCE

More than 1,000 poetry lovers lined up in the halls of the Library of Congress on March 6 to hear 13 prominent contemporary poets read from their work. The crowd filled the Coolidge Auditorium and the Whittall Pavilion, while more than 200 people had to be turned away because of the lack of seating. The historic event culminated a daylong reunion of the

James Dickey, Mrs. Dickey, and Howard Nemerov

poets, all of whom have served as Consultants in Poetry at the Library.

The reading, which lasted over two-and-one-half hours, will be broadcast in its entirety by radio station WETA-FM on Sunday, May 21, beginning at 8 p.m.

In opening the evening program, Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin called the gathering of poets "the most spectacular display of poetic talent in our generation." Reading for 10 minutes each in the order of their consultantships, they were Karl Shapiro who served in 1946-47, Elizabeth Bishop (1949-50), Richard Eberhart (1959-61), Howard Nemerov

Stanley Kunitz and William E. Stafford

(1963-64), Reed Whittemore (1964-65), Stephen Spender (1965-66), James Dickey (1966-68), William Jay Smith (1968-70), William E. Stafford (1970-71), Josephine Jacobsen (1971-73), Daniel Hoffman (1973-74), Stanley Kunitz (1974-76), and Robert Hayden (1976-78).

In the morning the poets had met privately in the Woodrow Wilson Room to discuss several literary issues, including the state of contemporary American poetry and the role of the poetry consultant. While agreeing that more poetry is being written today than ever before, the writers differed over the implications. Some called it an exciting "renaissance"; others argued that poetry writing has become a recreation

Daniel Hoffman and Stephen Spender

rather than an art. "The phenomenon we are witnessing is the democratization of culture, the dispersal of genius," Stanley Kunitz said. "There are no towering figures in poetry today."

Drawing on their experiences as poetry consultants, they offered some ideas about the post, including the addition of other poets-in-residence for short periods of time, opening up the consultantship to foreign poets, and making poetry more accessible through various kinds of media, such as tape recordings and video tapes. The suggestions will be studied by the Library.

Following the meeting, the poets gathered in the Whittall Pavilion for lunch and later for a press conference.

The last comparable gathering of poets at the Library occurred in October 1962 during the three-day National Poetry Festival. Thirty-five prominent American poets attended to discuss poetry and read their work.

COLLOQUIA SERIES NOW UNDERWAY

The first in a series of colloquia sponsored by the Library of Congress in conjunction with the Scholars Committee took place on January 20. Luree Miller, author of *On Top of the World: Five Women Explorers,* and Louise M. Young, professor emerita, American University, and contributor to and member of the board of consultants of *Notable American Women,* spoke on "Women in History: Problems and Perspectives."

Luree Miller, Claire Sherman, a member of the Scholars Committee and moderator of the January 20 panel, and Louise Young (left to right) address the audience.

The seminars, held monthly, feature two speakers who are currently using the Library's facilities, discussing their current work, with discussion following the presentation. Librarian Daniel J. Boorstin attended the first seminar. He noted that he was especially pleased to see the scholars gathering for such events and said he hoped such activities will continue to flourish.

The next two colloquia are scheduled for March 28 and April 28, at 2:30 in the Wilson Room.

On March 28, the Reverend Carleton Hayden, assistant professor of history at Howard University, and George M. Miller, Ph. D. candidate at University of Chicago and formerly on faculties at Morehouse College, Colby College, and Howard University, will speak on "The Black Church in the Age of Booker T. Washington Revisited."

On April 28, Harold Sharlin, Department of

Energy, and Edmund Lambeth, director of The Washington Reporting Program of the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri, will speak on "In Quest of the Public Interest: Government Management of Energy and the Media Response."

All interested staff are invited to attend.

STAFF NEWS

Hispanic Acquisitions Coordinator Named

Peter J. de la Garza, technical officer of the Processing Department since 1976, has been named to the new position of coordinator, Hispanic Acquisitions Project, directly under the assistant director (acquisitions and overseas operations) of the Processing Department.

The project has been established as a pilot program with the long-term goals of improving the scope and currency of the Library's acquisitions and cataloging of research materials from Latin America, Portugal, and Spain. The coordinator will work closely with the Hispanic-interest offices and divisions of the Research Department and the Law Library, the three acquisitions divisions (Order, Exchange and Gift, Overseas Operations), the Selection Office, and the cataloging divisions of the Library. Among the initial tasks set for the project are (1) to identify and describe the resources, procedures, and problems involved in the Library's present programs for acquiring Hispanic materials; (2) to develop the bibliographic and statistical controls needed to monitor and measure the effectiveness of the acquisitions programs; (3) to build and maintain adequate reference collections and data files on Hispanic acquisitions to provide reliable information both for internal Library of Congress management purposes, and for external use as required; and (4) to subject Library procedures in the Hispanic acquisitions areas to systematic review and analysis with the aim of defining the best possible organizational and administrative structures to carry out an area-studies oriented acquisitions program, and making proposals to the administration to implement recommended changes.

Mr. de la Garza first came to the Library as a special recruit in 1959. From 1960 to 1968, he was head of acquisitions at the Columbus Memorial Library of the Organization of American States. He was active in SALALM, serving on the Steering Committee, the Acquisitions Committee, and as rapporteur-general from 1963 to 1968. He returned to the Library of Congress in 1968 as assistant operations officer in the Order Division, and in 1971 transferred to the Overseas Operations Division, where he served as assistant chief until being appointed technical officer of the Processing Department in 1976. Mr. de la Garza has conducted official business for the Library in Spain, Mexico, Brazil, Uruguay, and Argentina. He will assume his new duties in early April.

RETIREMENT

Reno Conti, who recently retired as chief of the Congressional Reference Division, was honored by over 100 of his friends and colleagues at a reception in the Whittall Pavilion on Friday afternoon, March 3. On the occasion, Mr. Conti also received a Federal Service Award pin for having completed 30 years of Federal Government service, nearly 27 of them at the Library of Congress.

CRS Director Gilbert Gude, Elizabeth F. Stroup, assistant director, Office of Assignment, Reference and Special Services, and Mr. and Mrs. Conti (left to right) enjoy reminiscing about his career at the Library during a reception held on the occasion of his retirement.

A native of Barre, Vt., Mr. Conti was attending the University of Vermont when his schooling was interrupted in 1943 by military service. He returned to the university in 1946 and received a bachelor's degree in 1948. In 1949, he came to Washington, D.C., to pursue graduate study in the field of political science at George Washington University.

After a brief period of service with the U.S. Veterans Administration, Mr. Conti began working for the Library of Congress in the Stack and Reader Division in late 1951. He was transferred into the former

Legislative Reference Service with a promotion to the position of reference assistant in the Foreign Affairs Division in 1952. He was promoted to supervisor of reference services in that division in 1960. In 1964, Mr. Conti became assistant head of the Reference Section in the newly formed Government and General Research Division. When this section became the Congressional Reference Division in 1967, Mr. Conti was promoted to head its General Reference Section and was named assistant chief of the division in March 1975. Since January 1977, he has been serving as chief of the division. Throughout his distinguished Library career, he received several outstanding performance ratings.

Other honors accruing to Mr. Conti on his retirement included the presentation of a Superior Service Award and a letter from Librarian Daniel J. Boorstin, a letter of good wishes from George Allen, and golf clubs and assorted golfing equipment (including golf balls autographed by some of his former employees) as a token of the affection and esteem in which he is held by his friends. He was also serenaded by members of a divisional chorale, who sang variations on some popular tunes arranged especially for the occasion.

Mr. Conti and his wife will enjoy retirement in his hometown in Vermont. Their retirement plans also include travel and golfing.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Valerie Evans, deck attendant, GS-3, Ser, RS-102; Sarah Fogg, copyright examiner, GS-9, Cop Exam, 5264; Dianna Mosedale, technical support assistant (typing), GS-6, Cat In, 5432; James Robertshaw, systems analyst (systems programming), GS-13, ISO, 5250; Jeanne Shannon, advanced lab technician, GT-5, Photodup, 5217; Ann Shea, trainee searcher-filer (editor), GS-5, Cat Publ, 5324; Noble C. White, Jr., bibliographic and binding control assistant, GS-4, Bind, 5408.

Temporary Appointments: Loren Bronson, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, RS-113; Brian Cashell, master files assistant, GS-3, CRS L, 5385; Lawrence Evans, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, RS-113; Bianca Floyd, reading room assistant, GS-2, S&R, RS-110; Mark German, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, RS-113; Nancy Judge, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, RS-113; Andrew Velten, deck attendant (trainee), GS-2, S&R, RS-112.

Temporary Reappointment: Charlene Choates, filer, GT-5, Cat Publ, NP.

Promotions: Diana Bahanovich, Preserv, to copyright examiner, GS-7, Cop Exam, 5287; Thomas Bland, Cop Cat, to copyright examiner, GS-9, Cop Exam, 5264; Harry Bohm, to forklift operator, WG-5, P&S, 5255; Paula Brock, to secretary to assistant chief, network development, GS-6, DBPH, 5414; Peter Culver, S&R, to photocopy assistant-messenger, GS-3, CRS D, 5348; Donna Enlow, to systems programming assistant, GS-7, ISO, 5441; Deborah Funderburk, to card copy editor (typing), GS-5, Cat Publ, 5394; Ruth Heilizer, to assistant editor of subject headings, GS-7, Subj Cat, 5332; Jessie Leach, to law shelflisting assistant, GS-5, Subj Cat, 5381; Jeffrey Lubin, to copyright examiner, GS-9, Cop Exam, 5263; Patricia McKinlay, to work leader, GS-5, S&R, 5393; Clyde McPhatter, to head, Buildings Services Section, WS-8, Bldgs, 5409; David Meisler, Ser, to file clerk, GS-4, CS, 5327; Diane Nester, Subj Cat, to copyright examiner, GS-7, Cop Exam, 5264; Beatrice Ohta, Ser Rec, to section head and descriptive cataloging specialist, Chinese/Korean Languages Section, GS-13, Desc Cat, 5307; Edward Paton, Com Appl, to programmer, GS-11, MARC Dev, 5223; Susan Solomon, Mus, to copyright examiner, GS-9, Cop Exam, 5264; Mark Thur, to copyright examiner, GS-9, Cop Exam, 5263; Roberta Whitsitt, Cop Acq & Proc, to correspondence clerk, GS-4, Cop Exam, 5262.

Transfers: Samuel Andrusko, Share Cat, to reference librarian, GS-11, GR&B, 5297; Harry Barnes, Loan, to master files assistant, GS-3, CRS L, 5376; Anne Greene, Loan, to secretary assistant, GS-5, Ov Op, 5421; Nancy Hunter, Cat Publ, to senior copyright preservation clerk, GS-5, Cop Rec Mgmt, 5260; James Johns, Cat Publ, to senior copyright preservation clerk, GS-5, Cop Rec Mgmt, 5260; Winnifred Nichols, Cop Acq & Proc, to correspondence clerk, GS-4, Cop Exam, 5262; Judith Salvo, E&G, to secretary, GS-5, Cop Lic, 5342; Gail Shirazi, Orien, to European exchange accessioner, GS-5, E&G, 5378.

Resignations: Bernard Bright, Share Cat; Louise Gordon, MARC Ed; Douglas Jones, CRS E; Jerry Long, ISO; Patricia Posey, S&R; Ronald Roloff, Cat Publ; Charles H. Thompson, Jr., FMO; Howard Useem, CRS E; Gerald Wiggins, Cop Serv; William Woodhead, CRS ENR; Esther Woodworth, MARC Ed.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

John Y. Cole, executive director of The Center for the Book, attended a conference on "The Role of the Humanities and the Public Library," held at Quail Roost, the University of North Carolina conference center, on March 5-7. The conference was cosponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the University of North Carolina Library School.

Frank Kurt Cylke, chief, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, has been appointed to the Subcommittee on Library Services, World Council for the Welfare of the Blind (WCWB), by Dorina de Gouvêa Nowill, who chairs the WCWB on Cultural Affairs.

APPENDIX I

THE DECORATED EASTER EGG
A Short List of Recent References in English

Compiled by
American Folklife Center
and
Bibliography Section,
General Reference and Bibliography Division

Full of the symbolism of new life and springtime, Easter eggs have been popular for centuries. Their design possibilities are infinite, bounded only by the limits of the imagination. Dedicated "eggers" do not restrict themselves to Easter but decorate eggs for year-long festive enjoyment.

Angell, Penelope. Creating a classic Easter egg. Popular mechanics magazine, v. 147, Apr. 1977: 102. illus. (part col.) T1.P77, v. 147
Using natural dyes and Pennsylvania Dutch designs.

Browne, Juanita. Easter eggs dyed and decorated the natural way. Organic gardening and farming, v. 24, Mar. 1977: 108, 110-111. illus. S605.5.O7, v. 24
Finding dye sources in cabbage leaves, chopped beets, onion skins, and other fruits and vegetables.

Burrous, David E. The Ukrainian art of decorating Easter eggs. Viltis, a magazine of folklore and folk dance, v. 36, Mar./Apr. 1978: 4-6. illus. GR1.V47, v. 36

Coskey, Evelyn. Easter eggs for everyone. Drawings by Giorgetta Bell; photographs . . . by Sid Dorris. Nashville, Abingdon Press [1973] 191 p. illus. (part col.) TT896.7.C67
Bibliography: p. 187-188.
Contents: Introduction.–Egg lore and legends.–Easter egg customs.–Easter eggs today.–General equipment, techniques, and materials.–Easter eggs with dye.–Batik process eggs.–Collage eggs.–Miscellaneous eggs.–Easter egg novelties.–Easter entertainments.–Easter egg games.

Disney, Rosemary. The splendid art of decorating eggs. Great Neck, N.Y., Hearthside Press [1972] 192 p. illus. (part col.) TT896.7.D58
Contents: Eggs through the ages.–Egg is all.–Cutting the egg (for doors, windows, hinges and platforms).–Design.–Decorating the shell.–Jewel boxes.–Finishing touches: linings, insets, trims and bases.–Egg decorating that children can do.–Egg dolls, mosaics and handbags.–How to price eggs for sale.–Egg designs and special occasions.

Fasold, Hans. Painted Easter eggs. [Edition prepared by Rodelinde Albrecht; photos by Toni Schneiders, drawings by Willy Kretzer] London, Burns & Oates; New York, Herder Book Center, 1968. 32 p. illus. (part col.) (Leisure crafts) NK9990.E2F313
Originally published as *Bunte Ostereier* (Freiburg i. Br., Christophorus-Verlag, 1966).

Hole, Christina. Easter eggs. *In her* Easter and its customs, a brief study. Illustrated by T. Every-Clayton. New York, M. Barrows, 1961. p. 61-70. GT4935.H6

Lang, Nancy M. Getting started in egg decoration. New York, Bruce Pub. Co. [1971] 86 p. illus. (part col.) TT896.7.L35
Contents: Basic supplies and procedures.–Painted eggs and special effects.–Covered and jewelled eggs.–Jewel-box eggs.–Window eggs.–Fabulous eggs.

Leafy eggs for Easter. Sunset, v. 156, Apr. 1976: 88-89. illus. (part col.) F851.S95, v. 156
Decorating with leaf or flower imprints using natural dyes.

Lord, Priscilla S., *and* Daniel J. Foley. The Easter egg. *In their* Easter garland; a vivid tapestry of customs, traditions, symbolism, folklore, history, legend and story. Philadelphia, Chilton Books [1963] p. 67-68. illus. GT4935.L6
The volume also contains a chapter on the foods of the Easter season.

Lord, Priscilla S., *and* Daniel J. Foley. The lore of the egg. *In their* Easter the world over. Philadelphia, Chilton Book Co. [1971] p. 189-196. illus. (part col.) GT4935.L63 1971

Luciow, Johanna, Ann Kmit, *and* Loretta Luciow. Eggs beautiful: how to make Ukrainian Easter eggs. Minneapolis, Ukrainian Gift Shop [197-] 96 p. illus. (part col.) TT896.7.L8
Bibliography: p. 95.

Nassiet, Claude. Egg art. Illustrated by Marc Berthier. New York, Drake [1973] 62 p. illus. (part col.) TT896.7.N3613
Translation of *La féérie des oeufs* ([Paris] Fleurus [1971]).
Ideas for egg decorations using beads, shells, seeds, yarn, noodles, etc.

Newall, Venetia. An egg at Easter; a folklore study. Foreword by Robert Wildhaber. Bloomington, Indiana University Press [1971] xxii, 423 p. illus. (part col.) GR735.N4 1971
Bibliography: p. 387-406.
Contents: Creation myths.–Sacrifice.–Witchcraft and magic.–Bird and egg.–Fertility.–Purity.–Resurrection.–Christian eggs.–Red eggs.–Christian charms.–Decorated Easter eggs.–Artificial techniques.–The egg tree.–Easter egg pastimes and games.–More pastimes and games.

Newsome, Arden J. Egg craft. New York, Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Co. [1973] 128 p. illus. T896.7.N48
Bibliography: p. [124]
Written for children.

Newsome, Arden J. Egg decorating, plain & fancy. New York, Crown Publishers [1973] 96 p. illus. (part col.) TT896.7.N49 1973
Numerous photographs show a variety of techniques for preparing and decorating eggs, some of them amazingly intricate and ornate. Chapter 4, on folk art, illustrates scratch-carving and the Ukrainian method of decoration.

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APPENDIX II

CONCLUDING REPORTS ON THE MIDWINTER MEETING OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Chicago, Ill., January 22-28, 1978

COUNCIL

COUNCIL I

As a CBS camera crew readied its equipment to videotape a debate on "The Speaker" for *Sixty Minutes,* the first Council session of the 1978 Midwinter Meeting got off to an uneasy start at 10 a.m. on January 24. When Eric Moon, chairing the session, routinely asked for adoption of the rules, Councillor Jean-Anne South moved to amend them to allow for additions to the agenda. After a brief parliamentary wrangle, the motion was withdrawn and the rules adopted. But the tone was set, and, as the camera rolled, Councillor Eli Oboler acted immediately to change the order of the proposed agenda. He moved formally that Council examine the actions concerning "The Speaker" taken by the Executive Board at its fall meeting as the first item of business.

These actions included (1) a prohibition on reproduction of the film by individuals or groups in any format; (2) the establishment of a committee to select an interdisciplinary panel to review the film in order "to advise the Association as to whether or not the film actually addresses the First Amendment"; and (3) adoption of a statement "affirming [the Association's] official position of insistence on the equality of all people."

When Council approved Oboler's motion, Clara Jones, immediate past president of the Association, then proposed, as the second agenda item, the reading of a statement on the film written by black librarians. This was also approved, and the remainder of the agenda was established without incident.

After voting to limit debate on "The Speaker" to one hour, Council took up the first of the board's actions. In an unusual move and after heated argument, Council ordered the board to rescind the prohibition on the grounds that it amounted to censorship of the film.

Turning to the board's second action, Councillor Charles Bunge moved to affirm the establishment of the panel and moreover to instruct the board to use the panel's findings in future publishing decisions. Council, objecting to allowing an "outside panel [to] tell us what to do and think," defeated Mr. Bunge's motion. Richard Darling immediately moved to direct the board to rescind its actions concerning the panel; this was passed. Councillor Oboler again took the floor, moving to affirm the board's third action. This passed with little debate.

Mrs. Jones then read a statement endorsed by the Black Caucus, charging that "the central thesis of 'The Speaker' is counterfeit and falsely identified as a First Amendment issue," and that the subject is "presented in a highly unsuitable and irresponsible fashion, insensitive, in poor taste and skillfully racist." The film, Mrs. Jones continued, "is predicated on the thesis that if the high school Current Events Club does not invite... Dr. Boyd to address the student body . . . he would ipso facto be deprived of the right of freedom of expression. The students are allowed to labor under the belief that the First Amendment obligates them to select Dr. Boyd because of the controversial nature of his views." After reiterating black librarians' objections to the film, Mrs. Jones concluded on a note of hope. Although the disturbance is deepening rather than subsiding, "we have confronted other difficult problems before with wisdom and courage." Council gave Mrs. Jones a standing ovation but took no action as the camera crew finished its taping.

Resuming the regular agenda, Council next accepted a report from the Committee on Committees concerning nominations to the Executive Board. Committee nominees were Connie Dunlap, Norman Tanis, Sam Whitten, Effie Lee Morris, Grace Slocum, and Ella Yates. Jean-Anne South and William Emerson were nominated from the floor. The committee also nominated Barbara Bryan and Herbert Hall to fill a vacancy on the Budget Assembly. As the noon adjournment approached, Council also accepted the Nominating Committee's report; the remaining agenda items were deferred until the next Council session. [*Judith R. Farley*]

COUNCIL II

In contrast to the "lights, camera, action" atmosphere of Council I, the second Council session opened in darkness, as Tom Galvin presented a slide show on ALA's space needs. Mr. Galvin, chairing the Space Needs Subcommittee, reported that on November 3, 1977, the board signed an agreement with McHugh-Levin Associates which will permit the development of ALA's vacant property and provide broad flexibility in meeting the Association's present and future space requirements. Under the agreement, developers will provide a minimum of 50,600 usable square feet of finished office space in exchange for 28,000 square

feet of vacant property and air rights over the buildings at 50 E. Huron and 716 N. Rush.

Resuming the chair, President Eric Moon then asked Bill Chait for the treasurer's report; Mr. Chait also gave the COPES report in the absence of COPES chairman William Axford. After Kathleen Molz presented a succinct summary of the Freedom to Read Foundation's activities, Mr. Moon announced that both his and the executive director's reports would be deferred until Council III. The actions taken by Council at its first session in regard to "The Speaker" made changes necessary in both reports.

Arthur Curley, chairman of the Committee on Organization, presented the committee's recommendation that the Library Education Division be dissolved. This was properly moved and carried. Council also took several actions in regard to the ALA policy manual. Alice Ihrig, chairing the committee charged with revising the manual, recommended that Council accept the basic text proposed by the committee with the understanding that the completed document will be resubmitted for final approval. Council voted to refer the sections on copyright, intellectual freedom, and legislation to the committees with jurisdiction in those areas for review and action; to retire to the historical file items so designated by the committee; and to instruct the committee to prepare an edited document for the summer conference. The Janaury 25 session ended promptly at noon, with all agenda items completed. [*Judith R. Farley*]

COUNCIL III

With President-elect Russell Shank in the chair, the final Council session opened at 2 p.m. on January 26. In his president's report, Eric Moon mentioned some of the year's highs and lows–IFLA's 50th anniversary, the Library Association's centennial celebration, "The Speaker" controversy–and announced the formation of four new committees. Don Trottier chairs a committee charged with simplifying the annual conference; Alan Kent, a committee studying equal access to information; the standing committee on library education is headed by Annette Phinazee; and David Kaser chairs the committee responsible for drafting a national information policy.

After hearing the executive director's report, Council approved the request of the New England Library Association for regional chapter status. Executive Board member Helen Tuttle next presented the recommendations of the Future Structures Subcommittee. Council accepted the report, providing for a membership incentive program, an annual membership survey, and a task force on "regionalizing" working units. Other committee reports also included items for Council to act on. The Honorary Membership Committee proposed William Dix [whose subsequent death was reported in the March 3 LC *Information Bulletin*], Frances Neel Cheney, and Fred Cole as honorary members and nominated Donald Urquhart of Great Britain for a special citation; Council accepted these nominations.

The Legislation Committee reported out two resolutions, one on supporting the establishment of a separate cabinet-level U.S. Department of Education, and the other on restoring and increasing library funds in President Carter's fiscal year 1979 budget. Both were approved. Council also accepted the Committee on Organization's recommendations to merge ASLA and HRSLD; to expand the Accreditation Committee to include two public representatives; and to approve a revised statement of responsibility for the Public Library Association. Carolyn Forsman, chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, presented, and Council confirmed, amendments concerning the schedule for mailing election ballots and divisional representation on Council.

Intellectual Freedom Committee chair Zoia Horn reported on the work of the subcommittee examining the compatibility of the resolution on racism awareness with the Library Bill of Rights, announcing that hearings will be held during the summer conference. Resolutions presented by the chair opposing CIA interference with the free flow of information and expressing concern over the concentration of ownership of information media passed without opposition.

Council then attacked its agenda of new business, approving the following resolutions: on providing funds for a model program on racism awareness training for library personnel; urging the U.S. government to impose sanctions on South Africa because of its stifling of free expression; and providing ALA support for the coming White House Conference. The body also approved resolutions on library services to youth, the International Year of the Child, and a policy statement on the reproduction of articles from ALA journals and publications. A resolution on the economic status of library employees was referred to the Office of Library Personnel Resources for review; one on placing the ALA name on nonprint media was referred to the Publishing Committee for study and inclusion in its policy statements. Finally, Council defeated a resolution asking IFC to plan another film on the First Amendment. [*Judith R. Farley*]

RESOURCES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION

CCS CATALOGING OF CHILDREN'S MATERIALS COMMITTEE

This committee of the Cataloging and Classification Section, chaired by Anne Markey, met on Monday, January 23, and again on Tuesday, January 24. At its meetings last summer, the committee had decided to invite representatives of the major commercial catalog card services to meet with the committee at its midwinter 1978 meetings to discuss the extent to which the commercial firms offer cataloging which conforms to the standard endorsed by the committee in 1969 and the feasibility of simplifying the card format for this standard in certain ways recommended by the committee. The discussions with the commercial card service representatives who attended extended over the major part of both committee meetings and are summarized here in one report.

The standard endorsed by the committee in 1969 consists of cataloging which conforms to the basic principles exemplified in Library of Congress annotated card cataloging for children's literature. Three of the four commercial processors represented (Baker & Taylor, Brodart, and Josten's) offer cataloging which conforms to the standard in that they offer complete cataloging, with a variety of options, taken directly from MARC tapes. (The fourth company represented, Demco, offers only abridged Dewey/Sears cataloging as adapted from Marcfiche).

At its summer meetings the committee recommended that cataloging data taken from MARC records be modified in certain ways to provide a simplified card format more usable for school and children's collections. With modern techniques of automated card production this could be accomplished through computer-suppression of certain cataloging elements without any change in cataloging rules or basic MARC format. Specifically the committee has asked for the exclusion of the following cataloging elements: (1) all notes except bibliography and summary notes; (2) regular subject tracings when alternate, juvenile tracings are available; and (3) the subdivision "Juvenile literature" when it appears in the regular Library of Congress subject tracings if only the regular subject tracings are provided. Of the three firms mentioned above which provide MARC cataloging, none currently has the ability to offer all three of these modifications. Josten's now offers the first two as standard options at no extra cost and may offer the third in the future. Brodart and Baker & Taylor may provide these modifications in the future.

Some of the commercial firm representatives present voiced concern as to whether or not it would be economically feasible for them to offer these modifications when at present there has been little evidence of demand for them from their customers. The committee members felt that there was a demand for a simplified card format, but that perhaps this need had not been effectively conveyed to the card producers. Also, the committee felt many children's librarians were not aware of the options available to them from MARC cataloging for juvenile literature in addition to the traditional Dewey/Sears option offered by most commercial card services. All present agreed that what was obviously needed was better communication between the committee, children's librarians, and commercial card services regarding, on the one hand, cataloging needs for children's materials, and on the other hand, the various cataloging options currently available for children's literature. The committee felt it would help if the MARC cataloging for children's literature, and especially those options that provide a simplified format, were promoted separately, perhaps with a separate specifications sheet and explanation that this cataloging conforms to the standard. Too many users of children's cataloging are unaware of these options which are buried in the commercial firms' MARC specifications sheets used primarily by larger public and research libraries.

The committee also recognized that it needed to step up its efforts to publicize its endorsed standard and to urge children's librarians to make their cataloging needs known. Toward this end the committee decided to investigate possibilities for a future program, preferably cosponsored by appropriate units within AASL, PLA, or ALSC, to discuss cataloging needs and options for children's materials.

The commercial processing representatives also pointed out to the committee that they face some problems in manipulating the MARC data base. The Library of Congress liaison, Lois Rose, suggested that they communicate directly with the Library of Congress concerning these problems.

The committee briefly addressed itself to a few other matters. A representative from Bowker announced that Bowker was seriously considering using the Library's annotated card subject headings rather than Sears in its next edition of *Subject Guide to Children's Books in Print.* Various committee mem-

bers brought up matters for future consideration—more headings for uses of materials, more liberal application of subject headings, reading and age level designations in cataloging, and curriculum oriented headings.

Responding to concerns voiced by the committee at previous meetings, Susan Vita, program manager of the Library of Congress Cataloging in Publication Program, reported that a CIP program for audiovisual materials is not planned for the immediate future because of present staff and space limitations at the Library. She urged all individuals and organizations supporting such a program, however, to convey this support to the Library of Congress in writing so the documentation could be used in setting future priorities for the CIP program. She also reported that the Library is contacting publishers who are participating in the CIP program but publishing the CIP data only partially or not at all. The Library is also continuing its efforts to identify and enroll publishers not yet participated in the program.

Lois Rose reported briefly on developments in the cataloging of children's materials at the Library of Congress. The Library's proposed microfiche register of all juvenile records on MARC tapes is currently in limbo because of staffing and programming problems. She announced that updating of subject headings in the juvenile MARC data base has about been completed and that the Library will soon be able to offer a computer-produced printout of all the juvenile subject headings used on annotated cards. Work can then proceed on the complete, cross-referenced subject heading list requested by the committee.

The meeting concluded with a brief report from committee member Theodore Hines concerning his work with computer searches for different types of materials in a juvenile data base, particularly searches for materials appropriate for use in early childhood education. [*Lois D. Rose*]

RLMS TELEFASCIMILE COMMITTEE

This committee of the Reproduction of Library Materials Section met on Tuesday, January 24. The meeting was chaired by R. Max Willocks, associate director of libraries, University of Florida, Gainesville.

The attendees were informed that *A Survey on Telefascimile Use in Libraries in the United States,* by Hans Engelke (published by the committee in January 1976) is available from the Photoduplication Service, Library of Congress, in microform.

Mr. Willocks reported that there are 65,000 telefax units operational in business organizations in the United States and almost none in libraries. It was felt that ALA headquarters could take the lead in this area and introduce telefax technology to the library world. For instance, the ALA Washington office might benefit from being connected to state library agencies for purposes of exchanging legislative information without suffering time delays. ALA headquarters already has teletype and WATS service. In the past, teletype has had the advantage over telefax of simultaneous transmission to multiple locations. Telefax now has this capability.

The Library of Congress, Mr. Willocks reported, is using telefax in the Congressional Research Service and in the Cataloging in Publication Program Office. When necessary to obtain materials quickly from distant locations, CRS uses telefax to expedite document delivery to Congressional offices and CIP is using telefax to communicate with publishers located in various parts of the country. Publishers can send the front matter for titles which are to receive CIP cataloging to Washington and the CIP cataloging can be transmitted via telefax to the publisher.

At the request of the Telefascimile Committee, Desretta McAllister, Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences, University of Pittsburgh, is preparing an article about telefax. She reported that she has completed a literature search in preparation for the article, the purpose of which is to promote the use of telefax in libraries and to provide a state-of-the-art report.

Joan Maier, chief, Library Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Boulder, Colo., reported on the Federal Library Network Prototype Project and its proposed use of telefax in conjunction with slow-scan television. The project includes 12 Federal research libraries involved in the areas of energy and the environment. They plan to utilize both conventional and rapid telefascimile units with SSTV in a document delivery system in order to provide hard copy when needed. The project hopes to facilitate interlibrary loan and to provide more efficient and effective service to its patrons.

It was pointed out that the basic drawback to the use of telefax in the library setting is that although the units can accommodate stacks of paper, they cannot accommodate books or journals. Joan Maier reported that the technology is available for a book telecopier (unfortunately with manual page-turning), but that funds are still needed for development. Another problem with telefax is compatibility. While many units built by different manufacturers are com-

patible, some are not.

There are additional innovations in the area of telefax. Random scanning for telefax is being developed to compensate for disruption in linear scanning caused by line noise. Also, a microfiche-to-hard-copy system via telefax is in the prototype stage.

The speaker reported that the Federal Librarians Round Table is starting to compile a telefascimile directory for libraries. Further information is available from Samuel T. Waters, Associate Director, National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, Md. 20705.

Before adjournment, Mr. Willocks asked for names to be submitted for consideration for appointment to the Telefascimile Committee effective at the time of the ALA Annual Conference in June.

[*Judith G. Schmidt*]

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ROUND TABLE

TASK FORCE ON WOMEN

This task force of the Social Responsibilities Round Table met on Sunday, January 21. The career planning workshop that was to be held the next day was discussed. The workshop was to be in two sessions: one for entry level professionals and the other for midcareer level professionals.

The task force endorsed two resolutions that are to come before ALA Council: Library services to youth is a resolution that deals with access to sex-related materials for young people. Another resolution was endorsed that would establish guidelines to prevent another "Speaker" incident.

Members of the task force were reminded that the presidential candidates for ALA would be speaking at another meeting of the task force during midwinter. The concept of "bullet" balloting was explained, and the task force agreed that they would endorse known feminists for ALA offices.

Elizabeth Futas brought a survey questionnaire prepared by Maurice Marchant to the task force's attention. It was concerned with how library schools were dealing with sexism, racism, and discrimination. The survey itself was criticized for being closed-ended. The actual design of the survey showed its low priority to the sponsoring organization, ALA's Library Education Division Research Committee. The task force urged that Elizabeth Futas formally protest this survey, and urged that a new survey be done using a validated questionnaire.

On Tuesday, January 24, the Task Force on Women provided a forum for ALA's presidential candidates, Thomas Galvin and Gerry Shields. Both candidates gave introductory speeches, and then answered questions that the task force coordinator, Diane Gordon Kadanoff, asked on behalf of the task force.

In his introductory remarks Tom Galvin indicated that he had a "special sensitivity toward the problems of women." He noted that career potential for women should be that of a "career open to the talents," without regard to one's sex. More generally he provided the task force with his four major concerns for ALA. His highest priority is the 1979 White House Conference. He believes that this is a tremendous opportunity to develop a national information policy. Second, he emphasized that libraries and information centers do not exist in isolation. Currently, no structure exists for communication and interaction between libraries and information centers and the allied information industry. He would work for establishing a framework for this interaction. His third point focused on an internal restructuring of ALA itself. Last, Mr. Galvin said he is concerned about the Association's accountability to its membership, that current structures are inadequate for membership response. Regular systematic channels need to be developed for periodic review of the Association by its members.

In a less structured statement, Gerry Shields presented his campaign platform. He cited his service at ALA headquarters, which provided him with an understanding of how the association operates. He expressed that his interest is with issues rather than organizational structure. He believes that ALA leadership needs to start listening to its membership. The various proposals concerning future structuring of ALA are currently focusing on federalization of the association. Mr. Shields believes that "federalization leads to fragmentation rather than a single unified voice." He voiced the need for consistency in ALA and said he believes he is the logical choice to provide that consistency.

At the conclusion of this meeting, the use of sexist materials by the exhibitors was discussed. An ad hoc committee was established to deal with the situation.

The Task Force on Women met for its final session on January 25. A report was presented concerning the Career Training Workshop and its success. Members were also reminded of the Library Administration Division's Women's Administrators Discussion Group meeting. A proposed resolution concerning the Bakke case was discussed, which would reaffirm

ALA's policy on affirmative action. Additionally, the task force reported that it is working with Women Library Workers (WLW) on the third edition of the *SHARE Directory* (Sisters Have Resources Everywhere).

The remainder of the meeting was a brainstorming session by the task force concerning possible action items, future ideas, and so forth. Some of those ideas were the joining of national women's organizations, profile of women in the profession and in the association, promotion-in-rank, improved communications with the various divisions within ALA about the concerns of women, workshop about developing women administrators, sexism and racism awareness workshop for council members, watchdog of affirmative action, and sexual harrassment in the workplace.

[*Cynthia Johanson*]

TASK FORCE ON GAY LIBERATION

It was announced by Coordinator Barbara Gittings that the draft mediagraphic essay on gay materials for teenagers, which was being prepared in cooperation with the Young Adult Services Division Committee on Media Selection and Usage, had been lost by the committee and that backup copies could not be found. Therefore, the article did not make the November 1 deadline for inclusion in the upcoming issue on sexuality of *Top of the News*. The task force will, however, try to get the work going again with YASD.

Two members of the task force were so disturbed over the recent publication of the young-adult book, *Gay: What You Should Know About Homosexuality*, by Morton Hunt, that they have been moved to attempt a book of their own for teenagers on the gay experience. One publisher has already expressed an interest in the book, but the authors are waiting for a more positive commitment before going beyond the first three chapters. They are soliciting contributions to the work in the form of anecdotes, personal experiences, and so forth. Material for possible inclusion should be submitted to Frances Hanckel and John Cunningham, Task Force on Gay Liberation, P.O. Box 2383, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103.

Nominations for the 1978 Gay Book Award should also be sent to the task force at the above address.

A copy of a letter that was sent by a concerned reader to *The Advocate* was read, charging B. Dalton Bookseller with a negative policy in the promotion of gay literature, specifically in the handling of *The Joy of Gay Sex* and *The Joy of Lesbian Sex*. The task force charged itself with investigating these charges, and informing the National Gay Task Force of its findings for possible inclusion in the *NGTF Action Report*.

Members were encouraged to contact their state library agencies about possibly testifying at public hearings being held at the state level in preparation for the White House Conference on Library and Information Services. These agencies need input from gay librarians regarding the distribution of non-biased information on human rights and the importance of meeting the needs of minority groups.

One new project of the task force will be the joint preparation with the Medical Library Association (MLA) of an annotated bibliography of gay materials for medical libraries. Members were also encouraged to hear of MLA's recent decision to drop Miami, Fla., as a possible meeting site ("MLA has never supported states that do not recognize human rights") and of its recent resolution not to hold meetings in any state that has not ratified the ERA.

Another project is the preparation of a questionnaire on discrimination against gays, to be distributed at the next annual meeting. This will be patterned after a similar questionnaire that was distributed by the National Council of Teachers of English, which elicited an 85 percent response from its members queried, and additional responses from unsolicited members.

The draft of a "how to" pamphlet (not yet titled) for non-librarian gay groups and individuals on how to get gay materials into public and college libraries was distributed for review and comment. Copies of the draft may be obtained from, and comments should be sent to Stuart Miller, 5050 S. Lake Shore Dr., Apt. 3615, Chicago, Ill. 60615.

There was discussion of the task force's slate of 16 non-fiction films on homosexuality and the gay life to be shown at the annual meeting in June. Since librarians, especially in college and large public libraries, are beginning to purchase films on gay subject matter, the task force is offering librarians a chance to preview all the documentary films now available for sale or rental. There is some concern over the high cost of union wages for projectionists to show the films, and the task force will need to develop sources of funding if it wishes to show all the films. If sufficient funding is not forthcoming, however, only select films may be shown.

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

STATUS OF WOMEN IN LIBRARIANSHIP COMMITTEE

The ALA Standing Council Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship met on January 23,

at which time the committee endorsed two proposed resolutions to be introduced at Council. One deals with providing youths with access to sex-related materials, and the other with pay parity for librarians. The latter is an outgrowth of several pending discrimination cases which assert that librarians are paid less than comparable professions that require similar educational requirements because librarianship is a "female" profession. It is estimated that persons in such professions lose $20 billion annually because of this sort of discrimination.

Karen Jackson, program coordinator of the SRRT Task Force on Women, reported on the proposed program that the committee and the task force are jointly sponsoring at the Annual Conference. The Boston Women Health Collective, authors of *Our Bodies, Ourselves,* is scheduled to speak. The committee also addressed itself to modifications of the Library Bill of Rights that would eliminate sexist terminology. Pat Rom will draft the committee's viewpoint to present to the Intellectual Freedom Committee subcommittee charged with the responsibility to update the Library Bill of Rights.

The most exciting part of the meeting occurred when the committee's three delegates to the National Women's Conference in Houston, Tex., gave their report. The three members who attended were Elizabeth Futas, Pat Rom, and Ellen Gay Detlefsen. They reported on the National Plan of Action that was adopted by the convention. The three hotly debated planks were on reproductive freedom, the Equal Rights Amendment, and sexual preference.

At the January 26 meeting of the committee, future plans of action were discussed. Some of those items were the development of horizontal career ladders, the Equal Rights Amendment, part-time and flexible work schedules, improved communications about administrative job opportunities for women, sexual harrassment in the workplace, monitoring of sexist language in ALA publications, analysis of who gets funding to attend conferences, analysis of job postings, and salary range differences between men and women.

The committee voted to endorse a resolution that expresses the dissatisfaction of the membership with the coverage of ALA activities by *American Libraries,* especially since it would not publish any information about committee members attending the National Women's Conference. Additional action items dealt with publishing of salary ranges in all advertisements placed in ALA publications, qualifications for administrative positions that are too restrictive towards women and minority candidates, and the Equal Rights Amendment and Illinois' failure to ratify ERA. [*Cynthia Johanson*]

PLA CATALOGING NEEDS OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

This ad hoc committee of the Public Library Association, chaired by Jerry Pennington, held its second meeting on Wednesday, January 24. Mr. Pennington opened the meeting with an explanation that the first meeting held on Monday had been devoted to organizational plans for the committee and to general discussions of cataloging needs and other committees, primarily within the Resources and Technical Services Division and Cataloging and Classification Section, concerned with cataloging needs.

The committee then discussed how it could best fulfill its charge, which is to advise the board on the necessity for a permanent committee and to represent PLA to groups concerned with national cataloging activity. All agreed they would probably need to ask that the life of the committee be extended. In an attempt to help assess the cataloging needs of public libraries and to determine areas needing studies, the committee decided to hold open hearings at the summer conference. A press release to that effect will be issued. It was also suggested that a literature search be conducted to determine areas in which studies have already been done. A search will also be made to identify other committees within ALA divisions on which PLA needs representation.

This led committee members and guests to a general discussion of the need to cross division lines so that PLA is represented on committees in other divisions, and vice versa. The need for and lack of communication between public service librarians and catalogers was briefly explored.

Miscellaneous comments concerning cataloging needs of public libraries were made by various guests present, including representatives of the Library of Congress, RTSD CCS, OCLC, and various public library systems. [*Lois D. Rose*]

GODORT INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTS TASK FORCE

This task force of the Government Documents Round Table held its business meeting on January 24, with Coordinator Gloria Westfall, Indiana University libraries, presiding. As the first order of business, Mrs. Westfall called for reports from IDTF's work groups which had met earlier in the week. Discussion at the joint session of the Work Groups on Bibliographic

Control and on United Nations Documentation, chaired by this reporter, centered on items such as the International Congress on National Bibliographies, Paris, September 1977, plans for publication by the United Nations of two needed reference works (a new catalog of U.N. sales publications and an updated listing of U.N. document series symbols), and recent and forthcoming meetings of the interagency Working Party on Indexing Vocabularies. The interagency meetings are concerned with coordinating and standardizing the bibliographic activities of U.N. system organizations. As of this date no reports have been published as a result of these sessions.

When questions were raised about the cumulation pattern of the U.N.'s documents index, *UNDEX,* it was noted that cumulative volumes for 1975 and 1976 have been published for the subject and country indexes, Series A and B, but none is anticipated for 1974 and there is no indication that a cumulation of Series C, the checklist, is being considered. Several participants at the joint work group session expressed the view that the U.N. library would be interested in hearing from librarians who would like to see these cumulations published. A proposal was made by the head of the Work Group on U.N. Documentation, Gail Nichols of the University of California at Berkeley, that this group and the one on bibliographic control be merged because of overlapping activities, but it was agreed to defer a decision on this until after the election of new officers at the 1978 Annual Conference.

Carolyn Kohler of the University of Iowa libraries, who chairs the Work Group on Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Distribution Policy, reported on the questionnaire on this subject that she had sent to 143 organizations in October 1977. A total of 59 responses has been received, and a decision has been made to send a follow-up letter in March to the organizations which have not replied. Results of the questionnaire are to be analyzed for future publication.

The head of the Work Group on Foreign Documents, Barbara Smith of Skidmore College library, reported that although the questionnaire on collections of foreign documents in U.S. libraries had been approved in 1977 it had been agreed that it should be simplified. A test is to be made by first sending the questionnaire to members of the IDTF steering committee. Progress made in collecting information on foreign government printers and on documents librarians in other countries will be made at the Annual Conference.

Mrs. Westfall next reported on the Workshop on the Documentation of Intergovernmental Organizations to be held at Indiana University on May 24-26. Sponsors are the graduate library school and the university libraries. Members of the International Documents Task Force are active in planning the program. Lectures by IGO representatives will alternate with small group sessions in which participants will gain experience in using IGO documents to solve reference problems. Registration ($35, $25 for library association members, $20 for students) is open until April 15 and will be limited to 100 participants. The IDTF program for the coming Annual Conference is to be on "Current Practices in the Cataloging and Bibliographic Control of International and Foreign Documents" and will present Carolynne Presser of the University of Waterloo, Ontario, speaking on Cooperative Documents Project (CODOC), and David Perry of Her Majesty's Stationery Office who will speak on the computerized listing of HMSO publications. Two other speakers are tentatively scheduled. Following a brief report on nomination of IDTF officers for 1978/79, the meeting concluded with a discussion on a projected second international symposium on intergovernmental documentation, and the importance of work on name authority records for intergovernmental organizations and other international organizations. [*Robert W. Schaaf*]

SALALM COMMITTEE ON ACQUISITIONS

This committee of the Seminar on the Acquisitions of Latin American Library Materials was convened on January 31 by the chairman, Peter T. Johnson of the University of Minnesota Library. Following approval of the minutes of the meeting at the SALALM XXII Conference at the University of Florida last June, various subcommittees reported the following. The next issue of the *SALALM Microfilming Projects Newsletter* is in preparation, together with an index for the first twenty issues; an additional listing of Latin American gift and exchange sources is in preparation; statistics on the average cost of current Latin American books for fiscal year 1977 will be submitted for publication in the *Bowker Annual 1978* and in the next issue of the *SALALM Newsletter;* and a summary of the evaluations of the program meetings and roundtable discussions held at SALALM XXII were published in the *SALALM Newsletter.* Also reported was that a list of British booksellers, publishers, government agencies, and so on has been compiled for distribution at SALALM XXIII in London on July 16-21. It was recommended that the SALALM Advisory Subcommittee to CRL be abolished since SALALM members interact with CRL through their own libraries. Reports on changes in Latin American serial publications will be published in future issues of the *SALALM Newsletter.* The remainder of the meeting was devoted to planning the acquisitions program for the meeting at the SALALM Conference in London on July 20. Three concurrent panels composed of booksellers, publishers, and librarians are planned to discuss acquisitions of Latin American materials from Latin America, Europe, and the United States and Canada. [*Robert C. Sullivan*]

MARC USERS DISCUSSION GROUP

This group of the Information Science and Automation Division met on Sunday, January 22, at 2 p.m. William Matthews, chairman of the group and a staff member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, introduced the theme of the session as "MARC in a Time of Change," noting the dilemma of the need for stability versus the need for change.

David Weisbrod spoke on the need to provide from a central agency distribution of records which may have been generated out in the field, as opposed to distribution of records produced centrally; for reporting holdings data to NUC in machine-readable form; and for developing a universal MARC record identifier. He posed the question of the appropriate mechanism for such conceptual change and emphasized the need for defining functional requirements first, such as what relationship is to be established between machine-readable bibliographic records and machine-readable authority records, whether this relationship should be explicit or implicit, and whether records will be interchanged separately or together. In this opinion a full-time effort to investigate these problems by two or more persons is needed, plus a review body.

John Knapp noted that the 10th anniversary of the format design document is nearing and that it is an appropriate time for a formal review. He expressed the opinion that such a review should deal separately with the structure and the content designation or "data definition" of the format, and that processing efficiency and efficiency of on-line transmission should be among the design criteria.

Sally McCallum spoke in favor of gradual changes to the format, noting that its structure is an international standard upon which many national and international implementations are based. UNIMARC has attempted to bring about format standardization at the level of content designation, acting as a bridge between MARC-type national formats and different cataloging codes. She noted that international exchange in the UNIMARC format is imminent. Thus we are on the verge of a great expansion in our record-sharing capability, a capability that is not quickly or easily built. Gradual change will not be damaging; radical change will. She also expressed the view that before a new format can usefully bridge the gap between the abstracting and indexing (A&I) services and libraries, the two communities must work out their basic philosophical differences in recording bibliographic descriptions.

Sandra Paul, from one publishing sector discussed with the group the problems that the publishing community has encountered as a result of incorrect ISBNs in both books and bibliographic records. The sum of publisher error plus cataloger error has reduced the usefulness of the ISBN.

Paul Lagueux spoke on some changes in practices for bibliographic description that he would like to see, pointing out that these changes might necessitate changes to the format in some cases. In particular, he encouraged librarians to look toward more extensive subject indexing of library material than has traditionally been carried out. The limited application of subject headings is a throwback to the limitations of the card catalog. We should begin to view the MARC record as an on-line data base tool as well as a convenient way to store catalog card data.

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JOINT PROGRAMS

AAP/RTSD JOINT COMMITTEE

This joint committee of the Association of American Publishers and ALA's Resources and Technical Services Division met in a session on January 27 cochaired by Shirley Sarris and Connie Dunlap.

Bill Gosling, chairman of the automated acquisitions program, gave a progress report. The program, "Automated Acquisitions: What's Good, What's Bad and What's Missing," is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m. The morning session will be an overview, identifying the requirements of automated acquisitions operations. In the afternoon a broad picture of the current state of the art will be presented, featuring various working systems. These will be identified through a questionnaire, which has already been mailed to more than 60 libraries known to use automated acquisitions systems and to commercial firms and networks which offer automated acquisitions systems. In the final two hours the publishers' and distributors' perspectives will be presented, and there will be a look at the future. The afternoon sessions will feature speaker panels with question-and-answer periods. A series of press releases will publicize the program.

The committee also voted to support a proposed acquisitions preconference, to be jointly sponsored by the committee and the RTSD Resources Section Book-dealer-Library Relations Committee. This preconference will be scheduled before the 1980 ALA Annual Conference. The AAP Library Committee has already discussed a tentative program.

Ann Heidbreder Eastman and Ruth Tighe presented a progress report on the White House Conference plans. NCLIS has released *Advisory Memo,* Number 1, on delegate selection. This is available from the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science as will be future *Advisory Memos.* The Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Nebraska preconferences have already been held. One major problem is persuading the professional library community that the purpose of these preconferences is not for the library

community to teach non-librarians about libraries and library needs but to listen to non-librarians identify what they consider their needs to be.

Susan Vita gave a progress report on the Cataloging in Publication Program. In fiscal year 1977 the CIP Office prepared data for 26,484 titles. This is an increase of 1,929 titles (eight percent) over fiscal year 1976. The current breakdown shows that 70 percent of these CIPs are original titles and 30 percent are reprints. The CIP data is being prepared from full galleys for 40 percent of the titles and from front matter alone for 60 percent. The CIP Office plans a series of regional publishers' workshops spaced over the next year and a half. In addition steps are being taken to attempt to find out how the library community uses CIP.

Sandy Paul announced that since Z39 is funded only through June 1978, an attempt is being made to complete as many proposed standards as possible before that time. Three which will probably be ready are a standard account number coding scheme, a standard for title leaves of a book, and standard book order forms. She also announced that the AAP Book Distribution Task Force has prepared a white paper on the publisher's role in the national network. This should be available from the AAP in April.

Paul Lagueux from the Council on Library Resources Committee for the Coordinating National Bibliographic Control (CCNBC) announced that the committee is working on communications protocols for the future national network. In order to allow networks to communicate with each other, standards are being devised for response/text format, query/text format, and error/text format. The problem of subject access to the national network will be studied in a two-and-a-half-day workshop where problem areas will be identified and possible solutions will be suggested. [*Susan H. Vita*]

MARBI

The Representation in Machine-Readable Form of Bibliographic Information (MARBI) Interdivisional Committee of the Resources and Technical Services, Information Science and Automation, and Reference and Adult Services Divisions met during four sessions on January 20, 22, and 24. Five requests from the Library of Congress for MARC format changes were considered, of which four were adopted. The proposals adopted provide for the following:

(1) a new variable field in the Books format for the projected publication data provided by the publisher for Cataloging in Publication (CIP) titles;

(2) a new subfield code in the Serials format to permit differentation between an International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) which has been cancelled because it was inappropriately assigned by an authorized agency and invalid ISSN which varies from that assigned by an authorized agency but has been used in association with a serial;

(3) a new variable field in the Authorities format for information reference for name authorities, that is, those complex references which cannot be generated from the machine-readable record;

(4) a new code in the control subfield of the Authorities format to indicate names to be established according to AACR 2 rules. Use of this code is to be limited to references at this time.

A proposal for a new variable field in the Books format for linking an entry for the whole work was rejected pending further consideration of analytics for other forms of material and of the relationship between the proposed technique and the proposed MARC format for journal articles.

Henriette Avram, director of the Library of Congress Network Development Office, reported on the work of the ANSI Z39 Subcommittee 2 to coordinate the *American National Standard for Bibliographic Information Interchange on Magnetic Tape* with the international standard (ISO 2709).

Sally McCallum, also of the Network Development Office, reported on the status of work on character sets, content designators, filing, format, and so forth by working groups of the ISO Technical Committee 46 and on her own work on MARC formats for technical reports and journal articles. Subcommittees consisting of Margaret Johnson for technical reports and Jan Alexander and Alan Benefeld for journal articles were named to work with the Library of Congress on these formats.

Eleanor Crary of the Alameda County Library System described to the committee the need to accommodate both English and Spanish subject headings in bibliographic records to support the publication of bilingual catalogs of Spanish-language materials held by California libraries. Discussion brought out the need for considering this request in relation to a requirement for a technique for handling local data elements as well as the larger problem of handling various language versions of corporate name, uniform title and subject fields, and the linking of authority and bibliographic records. The chairman requested that the Library of Congress complete work begun earlier on local data handling and named Helen Schmierer and Jerry Pennington as liaison on this issue.

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